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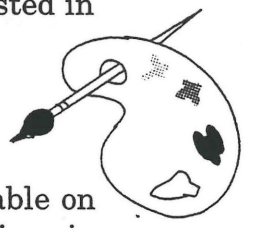
"Pay-by-the-Bag" Workshops Offered

The Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG) has designed a training program on pay-by-the-bag garbage collection in cooperation with Lisa Skumatz, a nationally-known consultant in unit pricing. Over the past year, the nine CONEG member states have worked with Skumatz to design a comprehensive training program on unit-based pricing for a variety of audiences.

This training program will cover such topics as getting started with a unit-pricing program, financial considerations, how to decide if unit pricing would work in your town, what to expect, implementation, etc. Currently, 7 municipalities in Connecticut have implemented unit-pricing collection programs. As we approach the year 2000 and our 40% recycling/source reduction goal, unit pricing is one way that municipalities can help to reduce the solid waste disposed and increase their recycling rates.

Neighboring states including Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Maine will be sponsoring workshops in May and June. These will be open to other states as well if you would like to attend in the near future. The DEP Recycling program will be sponsoring a workshop this fall and is interested in hearing from towns who would like to attend. We will schedule the workshop according to demand from municipalities. For example, if several towns in one region would like to attend, we may schedule more than one workshop. Please contact Kim Trella at 424-3365 if you are interested in attending a unit-pricing workshop.

New Educational Displays Now Available



The Recycling program now has two new tabletop displays which are available on short-term loan to municipalities, schools, nature centers and civic organizations in Connecticut. Both displays are on 3-panel folding boards which transport easily in any car. **"The Art of Recycling"** display educates consumers about how collected recyclables are processed and includes pictures and samples of some of the new products that are made from materials that are collected curbside in our state. This display includes a life-size corrugated cardboard Frankenstein, who stands next to the folding board, and wears a T-shirt made from soda bottles, a "Rubber-Necker" tie (made from old tires), a necklace made from car headlights, and a ski hat made from pre-consumer fabric scraps from the clothing industry.

"Recycling-Food for Thought", the second new display, focuses on organics recycling. Each panel covers a different topic including: grasscycling, home composting and vermicomposting (composting with red wigglers). Organizations wishing to borrow one of these displays must reserve them beforehand and be able to pick-up/return the displays at the DEP offices on 79 Elm Street in Hartford. **"The Art of Recycling"** is available only if the display table will be manned. If you would like to reserve one of the displays for an upcoming event, please contact Meg Enkler at (203) 424-3365. Please try to call a minimum of one month in advance of desired program date.



Connecticut Firm Recycles Mattresses

Disposing of mattresses has long represented a thorny problem, as these large, bulky items are difficult to manage at a resource recovery facility or landfill. American Salvage, a private company in New Haven, has accepted this challenge and has devised a system of dismantling mattresses. They have in place a network of buyers for the resulting products. American Salvage accepts, and picks up, used or damaged mattresses. A tip fee for accepting these items is charged. The mattresses most often come from landfills, transfer stations, retailers, hotels, schools and hospitals. Wet mattresses are not accepted.

After the mattresses are collected from various sites, they are graded, ripped down and separated into "toppers" (the outer layer of fabric that covers the mattress and the attached foam), pure foam, cotton, metal and wood. These raw materials are then sold to manufacturers at a fraction of the cost that they would pay for virgin raw materials. For example, the toppers are sold to a carpet manufacturer who uses it as a raw material to make carpet backing. If you would like more information about American Salvage and the other materials that it collects, contact Reny Selby at (203) 865-6566.

Upcoming Meetings

COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING, 25th Annual Biocycle National Conference will be held on May 8, 9 & 10, 1995 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information call or write Conference Coordinator, Biocycle, 419 State Ave., Emmaus, PA 18049, (610) 967-4135.

14th Annual Northeast Resource Recovery Conference & Exposition will be held on June 5-6, 1995 at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington, Vermont. For more information contact the Northeast Recovery Association at (603) 224-6996.

Buy Recycled Conference & Vendor Show will be held at the Ramada Inn in Meriden, Connecticut on June 20, 1995. For more information contact the CT DEP Recycling Program Office at (203) 424-3365.

RECLAIM 1995 --Landfill Mining & Reclamation, sponsored by Resource Recovery Report, will be held on September 28-30, 1995, at the Holiday Inn Turf, Albany, NY. For more information, contact Richard Will at (800) 627-8913.

ASH-VIII --The 8th International Conference on Incinerator Ash Management and Utilization will be held at the Stouffer Renaissance Hotel, Crystal City, Arlington, VA on November 14-15, 1995. For more information, contact Richard Will at (800) 627-8913.

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